

MVN-2011-3015-CL, PL Midstream LLC

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Joint Public Notice (JPN), dated June 11, 2012, concerning Department of the Army Permit Application Number MVN-2011-3015-CL, submitted by PL Midstream LLC. The applicant is proposing to install and maintain a 12-inch brine pipeline approximately 25.85 miles in length requiring clearing, excavating, and backfilling located in Iberville and Ascensoin Parishes, Louisiana. The proposed project would affect approximately 21.1 acres of jurisdictional forested wetlands. The comments that follow are being provided for use in reaching a decision relative to compliance with the EPA's 404(b)(1) Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material (40 CFR Part 230).

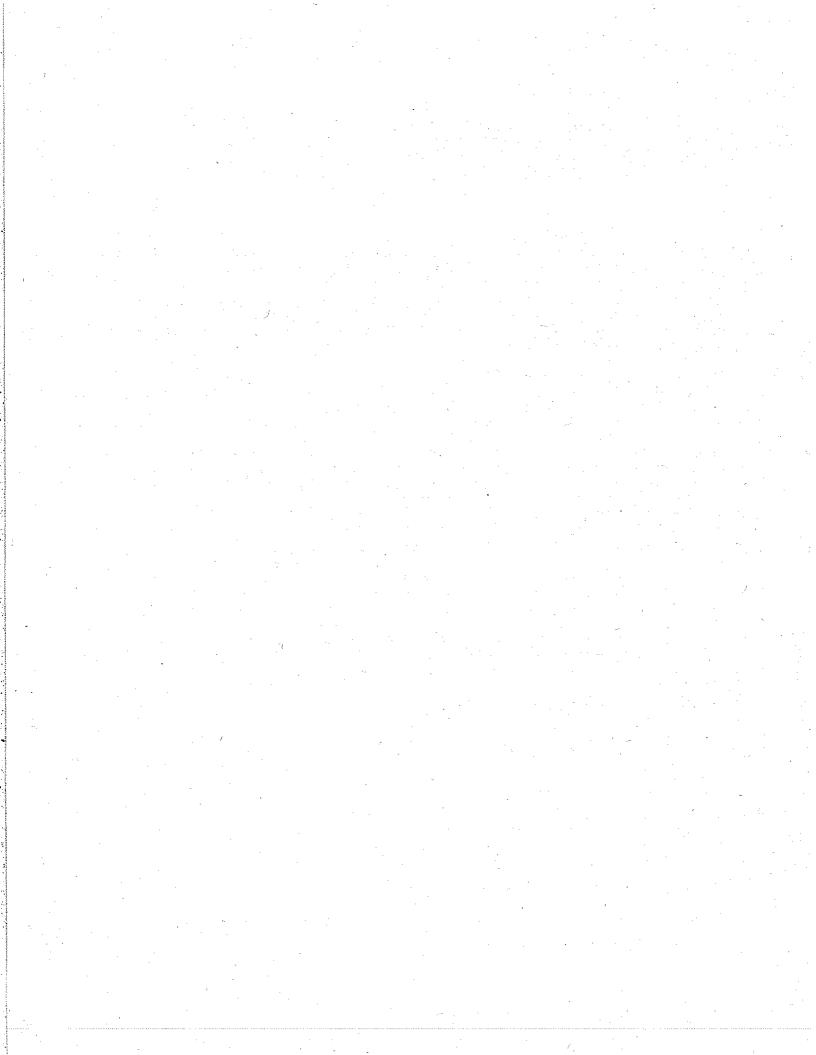
The majority of the pipeline will be installed by trench and backfill method, however boring and horizontal direction drill (HDD) will be used for jurisdictional water crossings. Of the 21.1 acres of wetland impact, approximately 8.6 acres will be permanently maintained as a 30-foot right-of-way (ROW) and approximately 12.5 acres temporarily impacted with the 60-foot construction ROW.

The jurisdictional wetlands that would be impacted by this project not only provide moderate to good quality habitat for indigenous and migratory avian species as well as a variety of mammals but also perform valuable water quality maintenance functions by removing excess nutrients and pollutants from the water. They also provide floodwater storage. As you are aware, wetland areas such as those proposed to be impacted have experienced a tremendous decline in Louisiana. The 404(b)(1) Guidelines prohibit the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, if there is a practicable alternative.

EPA would not be opposed to the issuance of a Department of the Army Permit once the applicant has satisfied the 404(b)(1) Guidelines, however we recommend that for HDD crossings no clearing be performed, measures be incorporated into the project development plans to reduce the flow of nonpoint source pollution into adjacent wetlands, temporary workspaces be located in non-wet areas, and compensatory mitigation, within the project watershed, be provided for the replacement of habitat value and wetland functions that would be lost.

Thanks for the opportunity to review and comment on the JPN. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to call.

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Branch Post Office Box 60267 New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

(504) 862-1577 Projéct Manager Amy Oestringer Permit Application Number MVN 2011-03015-CL

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(225) 219-3225 Project Manager Jaime Phillippe WQC Application Number 120606-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

12-INCH BRINE PIPELINE IN IBERVILLE AND ASCENSION PARISHES

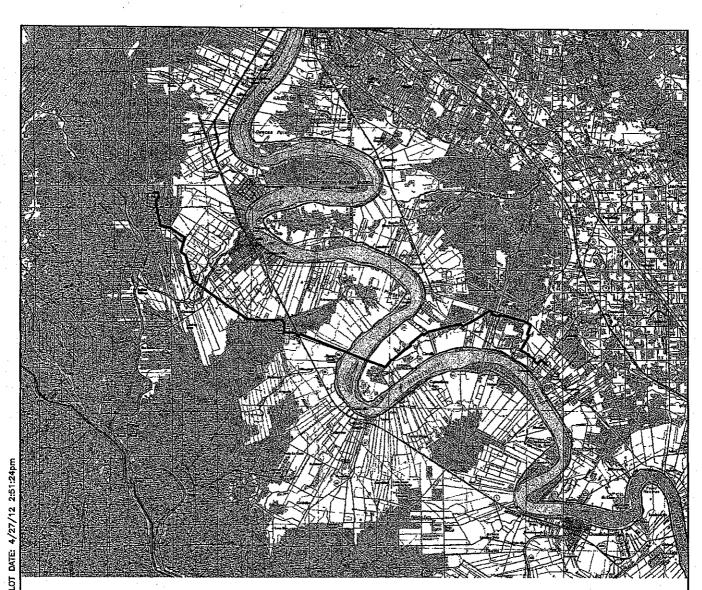
NAME OF APPLICANT: PL Midstream, LLC, % Morris P. Hebert, Inc., Attn: William Cagle, Post Office Box 3106, Houma, Louisiana 70361.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project will begin at the existing Bayou Choctaw Terminal, in Iberville Parish and terminate at the existing Westlake Chemical Facility, in Geismar, Louisiana, Ascension Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings. The pipeline will cross the Mississippi River at a point approximately 196 miles above Head of Passes, at Bayou Goula, Louisiana.

CHARACTER OF WORK: To install and maintain one 12-inch brine pipeline, approximately 25.84 miles in length, requiring the clearing, excavating and backfilling of 21.1 acres of forested jurisdictional wetlands. Approximately 8.6 acres of this impact will be permanently maintained for a 30-foot wide right of way, resulting in a conversion of bottomland hardwood habitat to herbaceous wetlands. Of the 21.1 acres, 12.5 acres of impact are temporary for a 60-foot wide construction right of way. Additionally, 21 acres of herbaceous wetlands will be temporarily impacted during right of way construction. This area and the converted herbaceous wetlands will be restored to pre-construction contours and allowed to re-vegetate naturally upon project completion. Most of the line will be installed by trench and backfill method, however boring and horizontal directional drill will be used for jurisdictional water crossings as shown on the drawings. The pipeline will be horizontally directionally drilled beneath the Mississippi River. The applicant proposed to purchase compensatory mitigation credits for unavoidable wetland impacts at an approved mitigation bank within the watersheds of impact.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close 20 days from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing to the project manager or clicking on the project manager's name on the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific from the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific from the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific from the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific from the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific from the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific from the public notice grid on the web page.

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SCALE: 1" = 4 MILES

PL MIDSTREAM LLC

PROPOSED 12" PIPELINE CHOCTAW TO WESTLAKE BRINE IBERVILLE & ASCENSION PARISHES, LOUISIANA

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